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For now I think the Governor can do his job too. If he doesn't like some of these things he can veto them. You don't have to pass over his vetoes. You have your opportunity, but I don't think the Governor is affraid to line item veto. Sometimes I agree with it, sometimes I don't. I'd rather leave it to the constitutional situation of the Governor's veto. If he doesn't like it ... Now what do you mean by grant and aid? Are you cutting ... I'm going to ask you two questions to start with.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes.

SENATOR SYAS: First, are you cutting the state aid?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, 3%.

SENATOR SYAS: Three percent, that's how much?

SENATOR BEREUTER: With the state grant and aid program for education, or 403, or library, or all of them?

SENATOR SYAS: How about the \$55 million?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, that would be the effect of this legislation.

SENATOR SYAS: That will be a million sixty-five thousand?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Approximately, yes.

SENATOR SYAS: In other words, it'll \$53 million something?

SENATOR BEREUTER: The overall effect of this legislation, Senator Syas, and I failed to neglect this. The overall effect of this cut would be about \$9.1 million, roughly.

SENATOR SYAS: You're going to be a hero by doing this, of course, even though it's an unsound thing, because the people thing you're doing them a favor, which you are not. How about homestead exemption?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Homestead exemption is one of the six listed exceptions to the 3%.

SENATOR SYAS: How about retirement?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Retirement is another one of the six, you'll notice.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I tried to follow your speech.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I tried to deliver one of these to each desk through the Page.

SENATOR SYAS: You mean your speech?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, one of these ... list of six exceptions.